



Illinois Conservation Police Bi-Weekly Report



Vision Statement: As vigilant guardians we will protect the citizens and natural resources of Illinois.

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(Weeks of November 14 – November 28, 2015)

This report represents some events the OLE handled over the last couple of weeks; however, it does not include all actions taken by the Office of Law Enforcement.

This report represents the county that the event took place within, not the assigned county of the Conservation Police Officer.

REGION 1 – Captain Laura Petreikis

District 1 – Sgt. T. Petreikis

(Counties: Carroll, Henry, JoDaviess, Lee, Mercer, Ogle, Rock Island, Stephenson & Whiteside)

CARROLL COUNTY

CPO Palumbo issued written warnings to Iowa duck hunters for failing to maintain separate bag limits while hunting in the Big Slough area on Pool 13 of the Mississippi River.

HENRY COUNTY

CPO Posateri received a call for a dog shot with an arrow. The dog was treated and released by a Veterinarian after the arrow was removed. The prognosis for the dog was good as long as infection did not take over. This case is under investigation.

CPO Posateri located two colony traps found in the creek along a muskrat run. Colony traps are illegal in Illinois and the case is under investigation.

CPO Posateri worked Henry County during the firearm deer season. An Annawan man was cited for hunting deer in a baited area.

CPOs Posateri, Jones, and Cox assisted Henry County Sheriff's Department with attempting to locate a person suspected of jumping from the Rte 84 bridge into the Rock River.

JODAVIESS COUNTY

While on ATV patrol during the firearm deer season, CPO Palumbo stopped a truck, driving through a field, where the back seat passenger from Galena was in possession of a loaded, uncased 12 gauge slug gun. A citation and a written warning were issued.

CPO Hoogerwerf seized a deer and issued a ticket to a Stockton man for unlawfully taking a deer without a valid deer

permit.

CPO Hoogerwerf issued tickets and written warnings to speeders entering and exiting Apple River Canyon State Park.

On Sunday, 11/22/2015, the following officers conducted a firearm deer enforcement detail: CPO Matt Hoogerwerf, CPO Ron Palumbo, CPO Shane Teas, CPO Audrey Jones, CPO Victoria Smith and CPOT Jamie Cox. The detail took place on the Illinois/Wisconsin border near Galena and utilized ATV's. The following enforcement action was taken:

Two citations for unlawful transportation of a firearm (one loaded & uncased, one unloaded and uncased);

One citation for unlawful possession of a rifle during the gun deer season;

One citation for unlawfully attempting to take a deer with a rifle;

One written warning for unlawfully hunting deer by use/aid of a vehicle;

Two written warnings for unlawfully hunting deer without a hunting license in possession;

Two written warnings for unlawfully hunting deer without a valid habitat stamp in possession;

Two written warnings for unlawful transportation of a firearm;

One written warning for unlawfully hunting deer without a deer permit in possession.

MERCER COUNTY

CPO Posateri met with a New Boston man who had called to turn himself in for a violation. The deer hunter had harvested an antlered deer and checked in the harvest with an Antlerless Only deer archery deer permit. The hunter was issued a citation for the violation and the deer antlers were seized.

OGLE COUNTY

CPO Teas spoke at a hunter safety class in Ogle County.

While checking firearm deer hunters in Ogle County, CPO Teas and CPOT Cox discovered a subject hunting in a stand over a mineral block. The CPOs then located another hunter a short distance away also hunting over a mineral block. It was then learned the second hunter had killed an 8pt buck earlier that day from a baited stand. The first hunter was charged for hunting over bait and the second hunter was charged with hunting over bait and unlawful take of deer and the deer was seized.

While checking deer hunters in Ogle County, CPO Teas observed a snowmobile traveling in his direction after the recent snow. A compliance check was conducted and the subject received a citation for unregistered snowmobile and warnings for various other violations.

CPOs Teas, Jones, Beltran and CPOT Cox responded to Castle Rock State Park after receiving calls from bow hunters about three subjects walking around the area with blaze orange vests and firearms. The subjects were located later and it was discovered they were very unfamiliar with hunting regulations and hunting in general. The subjects informed the CPOs they were there to hunt squirrels and the ducks with green heads in the woods. After educating the subjects on hunting regulations and giving them Hunting Digests, the subjects were issued citations for unlawfully hunting in a restricted area, and numerous written warnings for their violations.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPO Posateri was notified of a boat floating down the Mississippi River in Andalusia Slough. The boat had goose decoys in the front but was unoccupied. The river was extremely rough with white caps due to the strong winds. The CPO was able to get the Illinois Boat Registration numbers from the boat and started making phone calls to account for the possible hunters. Using license plates of vehicles in the parking lot and the IDNR Point of Sale licensing system, CPO Posateri was able to make contact with the hunter. All persons were accounted for and another waterfowl hunting party in the area volunteered to pick up the duck hunters so they were not stranded.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

Officer Schoonhoven patrolled Stephenson County during the first firearm deer season and made an arrest for hunting on lands without permission.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPO Palumbo issued multiple citations to a Rockford man for taking an over limit of squirrels at Morrison Rockwood State Park's November opening day.

CPO Palumbo issued a citation and written warnings to a group of hunters that were being transported in the back of a pickup truck during opening day of the firearm deer season. Two of the vehicle occupants were in possession of uncased shot guns.

CPO Palumbo stopped two snowmobiles operating along the highway in between firearm deer hunter checks and discovered several violations. Neither snowmobile was registered or insured. The Morrison operator was operating along a highway with a revoked driver's license and no safety certificate. The Prophetstown operator was also wanted on a Whiteside County Failure To Appear (FTA) Warrant. He was transported to the Whiteside County Jail.

District 6 - Sgt. Hank Frazier

(Counties: Boone, Bureau, DeKalb, LaSalle, Putnam & Winnebago)

BUREAU COUNTY

CPO Finn received information from CPO Wright that a hunter had just shot a deer from the roadway with a rifle. CPO Finn went to the location where the deer was shot and waited for the hunters to return to pick up the deer. When the hunters returned to pick up the deer they were arrested by CPO Finn. Both Hollowayville men were given 10 citations each to include hunting by use of a motor vehicle, spotlighting, hunting after hours and transporting an uncased firearm. The illegally taken deer and the rifle, used to shoot the deer, were both confiscated.

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Wire closed out a burglary case where he saw an individual in Sangamon County running to a car with a big screen TV. The suspect (who had an extensive criminal history) pleaded guilty to one count of burglary and was sentenced to seven years in the Department of Corrections. Criminal damage to property and felony theft was dismissed.

CPO Wire cited an individual for failing to check their deer in at a check station.

CPO Wire cited an individual for making bait available for whitetail deer. The bait was placed and hunted over during last year's firearm season.

CPO Filipiak was on numerous foot patrols at Matthiessen State Park and Starved Rock State Park. Numerous violations were discovered: one individual was issued a citation for possession of less than 2.5g of cannabis; five individuals were issued citations for remaining in an area of Starved Rock which had closed.

CPO Filipiak was on patrol observing sport fishermen and five individuals were issued citations for fishing with no valid sport fishing license, one individual was issued a citation for snagging in waters closed to snagging, one individual was issued a citation for fishing without permission from landowner and two individuals were issued citations for possession of short large-mouth bass.

CPO Filipiak was on patrol for the first firearm deer season and numerous violations were discovered: one individual was issued a citation for hunting over a baited area, one individual was issued a citation for unlawful take of an antlered deer, one individual was issued a citation for unlawful take of a whitetail deer with a crossbow during firearm deer

season, one individual was issued a citation for unlawfully hunting without permission from landowner and two individuals were issued citations for failure to report harvests.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

During the first firearm deer season, CPO Alt inspected and cited a man hunting by aid or use of bait – a pile of apples.

During the first firearm deer season, CPO Alt inspected a man “warming up” in a running motor vehicle parked at the edge of a field and timber within 100 yards of his tree stand. Also observed was a loaded and uncased 12 gauge shotgun lying across the passenger seat of the vehicle.

CPO Alt issued several written warnings to firearm deer hunters in Winnebago County for unsigned firearm deer permits.

CPO Alt issued a written warning to a firearm deer hunter in Winnebago County for wearing insufficient solid blaze orange clothing.

CPOs Alt and Fraser responded to a snowmobile complaint in southeast Winnebago County. A farmer, who was on his property firearm deer hunting, observed two individuals operating snowmobiles through his winter wheat field and woods without his permission. The CPOs followed the fresh tracks and located the snowmobile operators at a nearby residence. An interview of the operators resulted in citations being issued for snowmobiling on lands without permission, operation of an unnumbered snowmobile and unlawful operation of uninsured snowmobiles.

CPO Fraser and CPO Alt responded to a complaint from a shotgun deer hunter of two snowmobile riders crossing a winter wheat field without permission. After viewing video taken from the complainant and following the tracks to a residence the CPOs were able to obtain a confession from the two operators. Inspections were completed on the snowmobiles which revealed neither had insurance and one had expired registration. Citations were issued to both operators

District 7, Sgt. Scott Avery

(Counties: Fulton, Henderson, Knox, Marshall, McDonough, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell, Warren & Woodford)

FULTON COUNTY

CPO Thompson worked a complaint of baiting in rural Fulton County. Thompson located the area of the alleged baiting activity and performed compliance checks on two hunters. After the checks and interviews, CPO Thompson noted violations of baiting, failure to tag a deer immediately upon kill, and unplugged shotguns. Additionally, CPO Thompson was able to ascertain one count of falsification of a harvest report by the hunters. Citations were issued.

CPO Thompson was on patrol and saw a vehicle pulling into a field entrance. The occupant was wearing blaze orange and appeared to be engaging in hunting activities. CPO Thompson watched from a distance and saw an older gentleman in the driver’s seat holding a shotgun uncased. CPO Thompson approached the subject and addressed the violation.

HENDERSON COUNTY

CPO Reid was contacted by the Henderson County Sheriff’s office with regards to a California parent who had abducted her own children. The state of California had issued an order to take the children into protective custody. The mother had enrolled the child in the local school. CPO Reid was asked to go to the school and take the child into protective custody while the Sheriff’s Office served papers at their residence. CPO Reid assisted by school administrative staff took the child into protective custody and turned him over to DCFS (Department of Children and Family Services).

KNOX COUNTY

CPO Posateri and Captain Petreikis were working during the firearm deer season. CPO Posateri observed an ATV travel up the hill and the rider was wearing blaze orange. The CPOs followed the ATV and located an untagged field dressed deer. The hunter had used an unplugged shotgun to take the untagged deer. A second deer was also found to be in violation since it had not been checked in. Multiple citations were issued. The deer, permits, and shotgun were seized.

MARSHALL COUNTY

CPO Wire and CPO Filipiak cited a snowmobiler for operating without registration. He was warned for operating with an expired insurance card.

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

CPO Thompson and CPO Elliott received TIP information in the summer alleging substantial baiting violations by nonresident deer hunters in the southern part of McDonough County. After a thorough scout of the area, eight baited stand sites were located, one of which was a 50 gallon feeder filled with corn. On opening morning of firearms season, the officers worked a detail in the area. Approximately one hour before legal shooting time, the officers watched as a hunter climbed into the stand over the feeder. The officers made the decision to approach the hunter shortly after legal shooting time. At the conclusion of the detail, Elliott and Thompson issued seven citations and eleven written warnings for unlawful hunting by use, aid of bait, unlawful transportation of an uncased firearm, improper blaze orange, unlawful use of an unplugged shotgun, and hunting without a valid non-resident hunting license and habitat stamp.

CPO Thompson received a TIP from a confidential informant referencing a nonresident hunting without licenses or permits. Thompson had an idea where the suspect had been hunting in the past and patrolled the area. A short time after arrival, Thompson located the vehicle alleged to be used by the nonresident hunter parked near small tract of timber. Thompson spoke with the landowner, who stated the person was not hunting but working on the fence. Thompson expressed his concern based on the distance the individual travelled to only be working on the fence. Further, Thompson had solid information that the individual was hunting. Approximately 15 minutes later the suspect emerged from the timber line. He had no backpack or bow or any suggestive hunting equipment. After a short interview, the suspect recanted his original claim to be a farmer and admitted he was bow hunting without nonresident licenses or permits. Citations were issued.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Lazzell and CPO Gerard arrested two Jubilee College State Park archery deer hunters on the following charges: failure to report the harvest of three deer, three counts of failure to tag immediately upon kill, three counts of unlawful possession of deer and multiple counts of unlawful take and hunting without a valid permit. The father and son duo were issued a total of 16 citations for their violations and could face suspension of their Illinois hunting privileges.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO Van Zant conducted a taxidermy inspection in Tazewell County, no violations were found.

WOODFORD COUNTY

CPO Gerard issued several citations to a Woodford County resident during the firearm deer season. The subject was observed hunting over bait, without a hunting license, no habitat stamp, and did not have any valid deer permits. In addition, the subject harvested a four point buck. Multiple citations were issued and the deer was seized as evidence.

REGION 2 – Captain Brett Scroggins

District 2 – Sgt. Rich Riedel **(Counties: Kane, Lake & McHenry)**

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Davis issued a subject for not having the lock secure while transporting a compound bow.

CPO Davis issued a subject for pheasant hunting upon the highway at Chain O' Lakes State Park.

CPO Winters checked two deer hunters during the first day of firearm season. He issued a written warning to a subject too for failure to sign deer permit while in the field.

CPO Winters checked a couple waterfowl hunters. Written warnings were issued for no hunting license, state waterfowl and federal waterfowl stamp not in possession.

CPO Winters and CPO Davis waited for a subject to come out of his deer stand during the first day of firearm season. A written warning was issued to the subject who was archery hunting during the closed weekend. The subject was active military and just transferred into the area. He was given a Hunting Digest and advised of the closed seasons in counties with firearm deer season.

CPO Winters stopped a snowmobile driving on the roadway. He was issued a citation for unlawful operation of a snowmobile on the roadway and written warning for failure to display registration and no certificate of number in possession.

CPO Winters stopped a group of snowmobiles along a stretch of trail. Two citations were issued for unlawful operation of a snowmobile without proof of insurance and a written warning for failure to have certificate of number in possession.

CPO Davis and Sgt. Riedel were conducting baited deer enforcement when they located a baited stand. The stand will be monitored for use.

CPO Winters and Sgt. Riedel investigated the shooting of a Coopers Hawk at the Chain O' Lakes State Park. The hawk was taken to Flint Creek Wildlife Rehab with wounds to both wings and a leg. It is believed the hawk can be rehabilitated.

CPO Semenik issued three written warnings to a Buffalo Grove man archery hunting in Lake County. The man did not have his hunting license or permits in his possession. When CPO Semenik made contact with the hunter and he was still in his tree stand with an arrow knocked well after legal hunting time.

McHENRY COUNTY

CPO Davis assisted on two accidents due to the inclement weather. He also completed wellbeing checks on three motorist assists. One of the vehicles was able to be pushed out by hand.

CPO Davis issued a snowmobiler a citation for operating with no proof of registration.

While checking pheasant hunters in the Chain O' Lakes State Park, CPO Winters and CPO Davis came across two subjects, one who was walking on the road with a loaded gun. It was discovered that both subjects were using lead shot and one subject had an unplugged shotgun. Citations were issued for the lead shot and unplugged shotgun.

While checking pheasant hunters at the Chain O' Lakes State Park, CPO Winters and Davis came across two subjects with loaded shotguns on the roadway. Written warnings were issued.

CPO Semenik handled a single vehicle accident just outside Moraine Hills State Park. The driver swerved to avoid hitting a deer when he lost control. The man's vehicle left the roadway and entered the ditch and struck a fence line bordering the State Park. The vehicle was towed and the driver was cited for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle.

CPO Semenik checked three waterfowl hunters on Griswold Lake. The men had no hunting related violations however they did have several violations pertaining to the boat they were using. CPO Semenik issued the operator a citation for insufficient number of PFD's and three written warnings for various other boat registration and safety violations.

CPO Semenik checked two fishermen in a small boat on Lily Lake. It was 20 minutes past sunset when the small boat was headed towards the boat ramp with no navigation lights. One citation was issued for insufficient number of PFD's. One written warning was issued for operation without navigation lights after sunset and one written warning for failure to transfer certificate of number.

CPO Semenik patrolled Wonder Lake enforcing provisions of the Wildlife Code, Fish Code, and Boat Registration and Safety Act. CPO Semenik checked eight fishermen, seven hunters and conducted two boat inspections. Two written warnings were issued for sport fishing violations.

CPO Semenik checked four hunters pheasant hunting at the Chain O' Lakes State Park on the McHenry County side. The four hunters were walking across the roadway when CPO Semenik stopped the hunters to make sure they were unloaded as they crossed the roadway. During the compliance check three of the four hunters were hunting with unplugged shotguns. Two citations were issued for unlawful use of an unplugged shotgun and a written warning was issued to the juvenile hunter with an unplugged shotgun.

CPO Semenik issue a citation and three written warnings to an archery hunter near the McHenry-Boone County line. The man was unlawfully hunting without a hunting license.

District 3 – Sgt. Mark Simon **(Counties: Grundy, Kankakee, Kendall & Will)**

GRUNDY COUNTY

CPOs Wollgast, Honiotes, Mieure and CPOT Kashner conducted a night time detail for illegal road hunting in Grundy County. No arrests were made.

CPO Wollgast completed a boat registration investigation after tracking down the previously registered owner of a canoe.

CPO Anderson conducted patrols and surveillance of the restricted area at Mazonia Fish and Wildlife Area for illegal deer hunters. No persons were caught.

CPO Wollgast checked firearm deer hunters at Goose Lake Prairie after receiving complaints of hunters hunting on and across the roadway. Observation was conducted on several hunters but none were observed committing violations.

CPO Wollgast is investigating a case of a missing envelope from Goose Lake Prairie which contained a firearm deer permit list and money from firearm deer permit sales from that site.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPOs Mieure, Reid, Anderson, and CPOT Kashner conducted a night time road hunting detail in Eastern Kankakee County. A suspicious vehicle was observed in the area and a traffic stop was attempted. The vehicle failed to stop and continued driving toward another CPO in a marked squad. CPOs were both in front and behind the vehicle, but it turned quickly onto a side road where it was then abandoned and the driver fled into the semi wooded area. A K9 was called and the subject was tracked with the aid of fresh snow to a nearby residence. The owner of the residence permitted the CPOs to search the house but the offender was not located. It was determined that this same vehicle had been at the scene of an earlier arrest involving \$15,000 of heroin two weeks earlier where a deceased man was found during the raid. The vehicle had been stripped and was equipped with a temporary registration from a completely different vehicle. Further investigation continues.

CPO Vadbunker cited three hunters for archery deer hunting during the firearm deer season.

CPO Mieure cited a hunter for an unplugged shotgun during firearm deer weekend.

CPO Vadbunker and K9 Toby conducted K9 training.

CPO Mieure issued warnings to deer hunters for no valid permit and for an uncased firearm.

CPO Mieure conducted safety inspections on two snowmobiles being operated by juveniles. Written warnings for operation while registration expired and for no insurance were issued.

KENDALL COUNTY

CPO Bergland continues to investigate unlawful hunting at Silver Springs State Park. Seven written warnings were issued thus far.

CPO Bergland and CPOT Kasher observed a truck pull into and then out of a parking lot at Silver Springs State Park. In the back of the pickup were three garbage bags. They followed the truck to another parking lot and observed the truck from a hidden position. Using binoculars they observed the subject place the garbage in garbage cans. They approached the subject and asked about his actions. He advised he was going out of town and didn't want to leave the garbage at his house. A citation was issued.

WILL COUNTY

CPO Mieure investigated a TIP complaint of hunting without permission. He found that a hunter had shot a deer that was over 200 yards into the adjacent property where he did not have permission to hunt. He was cited for the violation.

CPO Reid handled several hunting without permission complaints for deer and waterfowl. During investigation into the waterfowl complaints he issued 13 warnings, 1 citation, and 2 fish warnings.

CPO Honiotes conducted a hunting without permission investigation. No enforcement action was taken.

CPO Anderson conducted waterfowl hunter checks at Braidwood Lake and Mazonia Fish and Wildlife Area. Two warnings were issued for minor violations.

CPO Reid continues to investigate a falsification of residency case.

District 4 – Sgt. Bill Shannon
(Counties: Cook & DuPage)

COOK COUNTY

CPO Mooi worked with Indiana Conservation Officers for an ongoing commercial trapping investigation. Enforcement action is pending.

CPO Mooi worked with Colorado Fish and Wildlife Investigators for an ongoing commercial trapping investigation. Enforcement action is pending.

CPO Mooi stopped a vehicle on the interstate for driving on the shoulder at a high rate of speed through a construction zone. Two written warnings were issued to the driver. CPO Mooi observed the same driver being pulled over by a State Trooper a few miles down the road.

CPO Mooi assisted a shotgun deer hunter from Will County. The hunter shot the deer in Will County on Saturday and tracked the deer into Cook County. The hunter contacted IDNR and CPO Mooi informed the hunter of his rights and limitations when tracking deer. CPO Mooi then contacted Officers from the Cook County Sheriff's Office and Cook County Forest Preserve Police who assisted the hunter on Saturday to try to recover the deer. The deer was located and still alive, upon approach by the officers it ran further into Cook County. The hunter had a friend with a dog come out Monday morning and, with permission from Cook County Forest Police, tracked the deer onto private property. The hunter contacted IDNR and CPO Mooi assisted the hunter in making contact with the property owners so that the deer could be successfully recovered.

CPO Mooi received a complaint of animal cruelty in Franklin Park, investigation is pending.

CPO C. Vaughan issued a citation for unlawful hunting without landowners consent and a written warning for deer permit violations.

CPO C. Vaughan issued a citation to an individual who was found to be illegally hunting with a crossbow during archery deer season.

CPO C. Vaughan issued a citation for unlawful hunting without a habitat stamp, and written warnings for failure to have permits in possession while hunting and unlawful hunting without landowner permission.

CPO C. Vaughan completed a boat registration investigation in Wheeling.

CPO V. Smith while on patrol at Busse Lake issued a written warning for no water usage stamp.

CPO V. Smith participated in an airplane detail in Ogle County targeting hunters spotlighting for deer on the night before the first firearm deer hunting season.

CPO V. Smith participated in an ATV detail in JoDaviess County targeting violators of hunting laws during the first firearm deer season.

CPO V. Smith while on patrol in Carroll County issued warnings for hunting license not in possession, failure to sign hunting permits, failure to notch hunting permits, failure to display vehicle registration, no habitat stamp.

CPO V. Smith while on patrol issued a citation for driving on the shoulder of the highway.

CPO Gilmer has still been patrolling for illegal salmon and trout snagging activity in Lake Michigan. Being later in the year, the fish have been dwindling in numbers along with the illegal snaggers, but not before writing one last citation for the month of November at Waukegan Harbor for illegal snagging activity.

CPO Gilmer was detailed to Logan County during the first firearm deer season this year. As he made the journey from Lake County to Logan County he witnessed what seemed to be, napkins and garbage being thrown out of a vehicle in travel. CPO Gilmer quickly performed a traffic stop on the vehicle to find two ladies being extremely apologetic. They offered to go back and pick up the trash. CPO Gilmer thought that was fair. He asked both ladies to promise to never do it again which they agreed and he let them both off with a warning.

While on patrol in Logan County, CPO Gilmer was checking many hunters opening day of firearm deer season. CPO Gilmer saw a vehicle parked along the road with a bag labeled "deer corn" inside. He drove a path leading through evergreens and found a deer hunting blind with a good sized pile of corn used as bait for deer about forty yards from the blind. Upon an inspection of the hunter, CPO Gilmer found tags belonging to the hunter's daughter. He asked if the hunter planned to fill his daughter's tags during the hunt. He said he understood my concern with that but he just throws the tags in the same hunting bag. The hunter was issued a citation for illegally hunting over bait and a warning for illegally hunting while being in possession of another hunter's tags.

CPO Gilmer noticed a truck down a field lane next to the timber right after dark. As he approached, he realized the truck was from Minnesota. He walked around the truck and there were two hunters, two guns and a freshly killed whitetail deer. He asked who shot it and one guy stated he did and just got done dragging it to the edge of the timber from inside the timber. CPO Gilmer asked the hunter why it didn't have a tag on it and he said, "I just didn't think about it yet, I guess." After CPO Gilmer checked the licenses, shotgun plugs and FOID cards, the only violation was an untagged deer that should have been tagged prior to moving it. CPO Gilmer issued a warning for the violation and informed the hunters not to move a deer next time without tagging it first.

CPO Gilmer was told about a whitetail buck killed in Logan County. He looked in the computer database the next day to ensure it was checked in. It was not. Whitetail deer are required to be checked in by 10:00 PM on the day of the harvest. CPO Gilmer confronted the hunter at his residence the next afternoon. The hunter said he just didn't even think about it and admitted to not even tagging the deer yet and it was at his father's house. CPO Gilmer issued a citation for failure to immediately tag a freshly killed whitetail deer upon harvest. He was also issued a warning for failure to report a harvest and a warning for illegally transporting the harvested buck without properly tagging it first.

CPO Gilmer received a complaint about illegal hunting taking place at Edward Madigan State Park. Once he arrived, he realized the hunters were upland game hunting which is allowed at the park. While at the park, CPO Gilmer checked six different hunters. All were legal except one having three different violations. The hunter was issued a warning for not having a required blaze orange cap while upland game hunting and a warning for illegally hunting with an unplugged shotgun. The hunter also received a citation for not having a valid habitat stamp.

CPO Whitchurch was conducting waterfowl enforcement at a Cook County river when he observed two boaters in the area who were operating watercraft with registration violations. A citation and a written warning were issued for the watercraft violations.

CPO Whitchurch was on foot checking deer hunters in southwestern Cook County when he observed an ATV unlawfully operating on lands without permission. The ATV was also observed being operated unlawfully on a roadway and inside a municipal park. CPO Whitchurch made contact with the ATV operator and took enforcement action against the operator of the ATV for the aforementioned violations.

CPO Whitchurch conducted boating enforcement at numerous Cook County lakes. Multiple watercraft registration violations were observed and enforcement action was taken against the operators of the watercrafts for the registration violations.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at Lake Michigan when he observed a boat offshore fishing with two subjects onboard. The boat returned to the dock at which time CPO Whitchurch approached the boat. When the subjects onboard the

boat saw CPO Whitchurch, they immediately began to reach into a cooler and live-well to retrieve fish and toss them back into the water. CPO Whitchurch made contact with both subjects and ordered them to stop their actions. After an inspection of their catch, it was learned both subjects possessed an over-limit of yellow perch. Multiple citations were issued for the violations.

CPO Whitchurch was at Lake Michigan enforcing sport fishing regulations. While checking a group of fishermen, CPO Whitchurch noticed one of the persons who were fishing further down on the lake became aware of CPO Whitchurch. This subject immediately placed the fishing pole on the ground and hurriedly left the area. CPO Whitchurch was able to track the subject down who by this time was out of sight. It was learned the subject was unlawfully fishing without a valid sport fishing license and was subsequently cited for the violation.

CPO Whitchurch assisted an Indiana Conservation Officer with a personal injury off-highway motorcycle accident. The victim was transported for serious injury treatment to Cook County Hospital.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at Lake Michigan when he observed a subject fishing and catching numerous species of fish. CPO Whitchurch observed the subject throw some of the fish he had caught back into the lake, but also placed some of the fish he was catching into a white plastic bag which was lying in the weeds near where he was fishing. CPO Whitchurch conducted a compliance check on the subject and inspected his catch. The subject was in possession of an over-limit of yellow perch. The subject was cited for the violation.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at Lake Michigan when he observed two subjects in a boat. The boat was operated into a position on the lake before the two subjects onboard the boat began to fish. CPO Whitchurch observed a watercraft registration violation. A watercraft safety inspection was conducted and it was learned the watercraft did not have the required visual distress signals needed while being operated on Lake Michigan. The operator of the watercraft was issued a citation for the watercraft registration violation and a warning for the lack of visual distress signals onboard.

CPO Whitchurch completed an investigation into a Cook County company that was renting boats without a valid boat rental license issued by the IDNR. After locating the owner of the company, CPO Whitchurch was able to ascertain the company in question had rented boats on numerous occasions without the proper license. The owner of the company was informed on the boat rental license law. He was cited for unlawfully operating a boat rental company without a valid boat rental license.

DUPAGE COUNTY

CPO Mooi conducted snowmobile enforcement in DuPage County along the Illinois Prairie Path. No snowmobiles were observed but a vehicle was seen driving on the path. A traffic stop was made and two written warnings were issued.

CPO Mooi conducted archery deer hunting compliance checks at James Pate Philips State Park in Bartlett, no violations were observed.

LAKE COUNTY

CPO C. Vaughan instructed the game law section at hunter safety classes in Kennilworth and Hoffmann Estates.

CPO C. Vaughan arrested a subject in Illinois Beach State Park for an outstanding warrant for possession of 10-30 grams of cannabis. The subject was lodged at Lake County Corrections.

CPO C. Vaughan has issued several citations for snagging in restricted areas near Waukegan Harbor. Enforcement has been focused on the south side marina area of the harbor and various spots along the Waukegan River.

CPO C. Vaughan issued a citation at Illinois Beach State Park for hunting without permission when a hunter was found to be hunting during the incorrect week. The subject was also issued a written warning for failure to display windshield card.

CPO Gilmer has still been busy with illegal snagging of trout and salmon at Waukegan Harbor. He has written citations and warnings for various violations. Most violators were understanding of the citation or warning they received. One violator even said, "I knew I was wrong. I just couldn't help myself." He was given a citation for illegally snagging where not permitted.

REGION 3 – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

(Counties: Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie & Shelby)

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Barnes responded to a poaching TIPs Hotline complaint in Clark County. Upon investigating the complaint CPO Barnes found 10 deer had been rifle shot along a road near Martinsville. Through investigative interviews, CPO Barnes found two Martinsville subjects who eventually admitted to using a truck's headlights to blind the deer and then shoot them with two SKS rifles. The subjects stated they drove around shooting the deer on two consecutive nights between 11 p.m. and 4 a.m. The subjects were charged with 10 counts of illegal take of whitetail deer, hunting with the use or aid of conveyance, hunting between 1/2 hour after sunset and 1/2 hour before sunrise, hunting from a roadway, hunting without permission of landowner, transportation of an uncased firearm and possession of a firearm without a FOID card. Both subjects were issued a civil penalty of \$2,500 for the 10 deer killed illegally and two SKS rifles were seized

COLES COUNTY

CPO Moody cited a Neoga man in rural Charleston for hunting without permission.

CPO Greuel investigated the complaint of a subject driving his truck into a field adjacent to firearm deer hunters hunting from a stand. Complainants said the subject stopped, stepped from the truck and fired 4-5 rounds at a large buck and doe the hunters were watching in the field. Subject then confronted the hunters in the stand at which time they saw an uncased long gun propped in the seat beside him. Subject departed in the direction the deer ran. CPO Greuel was able to identify the subject and issued him several citations.

CPO Moody checked an Arthur man in rural Coles County on the second day of firearm season who stated that he hadn't had any luck so far that season. Forty-five minutes later CPO Moody found the camper that the man and his hunting partner were staying in and found a 10 point buck that was untagged lying next to the camper. Further questioning revealed that the man had shot the buck the previous night and never tagged it or called it in. The man's hunting partner was also found to not have a Coles County firearm tag. Both men received citations.

CPO Moody was checking a property in rural Coles County when he observed a Charleston man on the property. After questioning the man, it was revealed that he was the subject that the landowners were complaining about. While on the phone with the landowner the man tried to hide a "hitter pipe" and a metal container of cannabis in a creek. The man was given citations for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis.

CPO Barnes conducted an outfitter inspection in Coles County. A written warning was issued for a minor record infraction.

CPO Wellum arrested an Arkansas man and a Coles County man for unlawful taking of whitetail with a crossbow. Multiple citations were issued and the crossbow was seized.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CPOs Moody and Barnes cited a Greenup man for illegally feeding deer after they located a mineral block under the man's tree stand.

CPO Barnes cited a Greenup subject for failure to check his traps each day in Cumberland County. The subject was issued a written warning for failure to tag his trap.

EDGAR COUNTY

A CPO conducted an outfitter inspection in Edgar County. No infractions were found.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Moody cited a Windsor man for hunting on the USACOE (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) property at Lake Shelbyville with no valid firearms deer permit.

Two subjects were cited for deer hunting over bait in Shelby County. One of the subjects attempted to flee from the scene after being spotted without his required blaze orange and hunting without the permission of the landowner. The subject was also a felon and he illegally possessed a firearm. CPO Barnes pursued the subject through the woods ordering him to stop. Sgt. McReynolds was notified that the subject was running toward him. Sgt. McReynolds was able to stop the subject at gunpoint as he attempted to hide a shotgun under a shed. CPO Barnes placed him under arrest and he was transported to the Shelby County Jail. The subject was charged with fleeing and eluding, obstructing justice, possession of a firearm/ammunition by a felon, hunting over bait, unplugged shotgun, no deer permit/license, no blaze orange and hunting without permission.

Sgt. McReynolds cited a Decatur man for speeding at 86mph in a 55mph zone during a rain storm in Shelby County.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

(Counties: Champaign, DeWitt, Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, Macon, McLean, Piatt & Vermilion)

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

While working firearm deer hunters in Champaign County, CPO Reeves made an arrest of a male subject parked in a parking lot in the Middle Fork Forest Preserve for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia.

DEWITT COUNTY

CPO Reeves cited two male subjects from Urbana at Clinton Lake. One subject was cited for unlawful snagging of fish and the other for failing to release short crappie and largemouth bass.

CPO Reeves cited a man on a complaint of hunting coyotes on property without permission in Dewitt County.

Sgt. Williamson and CPO Graden assisted DeWitt County Sheriff's Office, Wapella Fire Department, and IEMA with an oil spill that occurred on 10 Mile Creek 4 miles west of Wapella.

EDGAR COUNTY

CPOT Sanford and CPO Schultz worked Edgar County for shotgun season checking many hunters and finding multiple violations.

CPO Schultz was checking hunters in eastern Edgar County when he observed a vehicle parked in a field. After checking the license and registration of the vehicle it was found the hunter did not have a license. While checking other hunters in

the area, CPO Schultz noticed the hunter come back to the vehicle. He stated he did not know about not having his hunting license. Enforcement action was taken.

IROQUOIS COUNTY

CPO Wright and CPO Viverito conducted a spotlighting detail in Iroquois County during firearm deer season. During the detail two cars were stopped for illuminating fields. Both vehicles had firearms and auxiliary light sources. Both individuals were issued citations and written warnings for wildlife offenses.

MACON COUNTY

CPO Wright cited a Cerro Gordo man for hunting over bait. While interviewing the man at the bait site it was found that he had shot a deer while hunting over the bait on a previous trip. The man received an additional citation for the illegal take of a whitetail deer.

MCLEAN COUNTY & WOODFORD COUNTY

CPO Graden reported the disposition for a case involving a watercraft dealer in Woodford County. The individual had sold multiple boats in Woodford and McLean Counties over a several year period. The dealer misappropriated watercraft tax revenue along with title and registration fees. The resulting investigation, and corresponding court proceedings, led to the watercraft dealer pleading guilty to unlawful forging of a material fact in an application for a watercraft certificate of title. He was ordered to make restitution for all payments owed on behalf of each watercraft purchaser including delinquent tax penalties. Additionally, he was sentenced to 48 months court supervision, five days in Woodford County Jail, \$1000 fine, \$5000 contribution to the Conservation Police Operations Assistance Fund and court costs (\$7104.50 total).

VERMILION COUNTY

CPOT Sanford and CPO Schultz arrested a group of Danville hunters for hunting over multiple baited stands. Violations were found including hunting within 300 yards of a dwelling, unlawful take of whitetail deer, no hunting license, unplugged shotgun, hunting over bait, and falsification of permits. The three hunters were given a copy of the Hunting Digest and issued multiple citations and written warnings.

CPOT Sanford and CPO Schultz encountered two hunters from Illinois and Ohio on the last evening of shotgun season. The men stated they had shot a deer and were going to come back later to find it. After the men left, the CPOs agreed that the story they had been told didn't make sense. A walk in the dark of the small property and following the hunters foot prints in the snow uncovered the two men had been hunting over an area which was heavily baited with salt. The CPOs waited until the men came back to help them find the wounded doe and address the violations. Multiple citations and written warnings were issued.

CPO Cottrell located a subject walking around his hunting blind with his bow and arrow device during the firearm deer season. No blaze orange was detected. He was cited accordingly.

While checking a secured gate and property, CPO Cottrell located the owner and family members who were in violation of numerous offenses. The following citations were issued no valid deer permit, no valid hunting license and unlawful hunting over a baited area in addition to numerous warnings. After careful counseling it was felt that proper deer hunting instructions were absorbed by all participating.

REGION 4 – Captain Jamie Maul

District 9 – Sgt. Mark Wagner

(Counties: Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Greene, Hancock, Jersey, Macoupin, Pike & Schuyler)

ADAMS COUNTY

CPO Blazinic was on patrol in Adams County and sitting east of Plainville watching an area where there had been a headless deer dumped and he watched a vehicle spotlight a nearby field. Upon stopping them, they had a pickup truck bed full of raccoons and uncased loaded guns in the vehicle.

BROWN COUNTY

CPO Blakeley investigated a fatal hunting accident during firearm deer season outside of Cooperstown. A grandfather and grandson walked across a field with loaded shotguns. The grandson climbed up into a buddy ladder stand and was pulling a loaded shotgun up to the stand with a rope around the trigger guard. The grandfather started to climb the ladder when the shotgun discharged. The slug hit the grandfather in the right abdomen and lodged in his right hip. The grandfather was airlifted to Blessing Hospital in Quincy where he passed away a couple of days later.

HANCOCK COUNTY

CPO Wheatley was on patrol in Hancock County when he observed a vehicle heading north with spotlights pointing out of the driver and passenger side windows. After conducting a traffic stop the individuals were found in possession of uncased/loaded firearms in the vehicle.

JERSEY COUNTY

CPO Goetten cited a firearm deer hunter for no blaze orange. The subject was warned for the same violation and cited for other offenses by CPO Goetten during the 2014 season.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

CPO Gushleff responded to a call from the Macoupin County Sheriff's Department in reference to a subject in the Lake Kaho area of Mount Olive who was walking around with several guns. ISP Trooper Brunnworth responded and met with CPO Gushleff and Deputy Page. A concerned citizen videotaped the subject walking down a street in a residential area of the lake community. After searching for the subject for some time he eventually came walking back down the street without the guns. After contacting him and asking where he put the guns, he would not cooperate with the officers. He was arrested for unlawful use of weapons upon a public way and transported to the Macoupin County Jail.

During the first firearm deer season, CPO Gushleff arrested a subject for hunting deer over a baited area. The subject had corn and salt under his deer stand.

CPO Gushleff arrested a firearm deer hunter for falsifying his residency for several years. The California resident, who used to reside in Illinois, held onto his Illinois Driver License and FOID card so he could buy deer permits at a lower price.

PIKE COUNTY

CPO Drone was patrolling Pike County during firearm deer season when he observed a subject with an uncased shotgun on an ATV. As CPO Drone was approaching the subject from behind, the subject stopped the ATV and shot at a deer. The subject missed the deer. CPO Drone was able to stop the subject.

CPO Drone was patrolling Pike County during firearm deer season when he stopped to check out a vehicle. A truck soon approached with a guide who was picking up a client in the area. The guide had no idea who the vehicle belonged to. A subject soon appeared from the woods and told CPO Drone he was scouting for a place to hunt. CPO Drone walked back into the woods and located a crossbow. The subject admitted to deer hunting with the crossbow. The subject was not wearing blaze orange, was in possession of a loaded bow after hours, and was hunting without permission.

District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone

(Counties: Cass, Christian, Logan, Mason, Morgan, Sangamon & Scott)

CASS COUNTY

CPO Bettis responded to a TIPS complaint involving firearm deer hunting without permission near Beardstown. Upon arriving at the location, the subjects were gone. The investigation is ongoing.

Captain Maul was patrolling Cass County during the opening day of the firearm deer season when he came upon a group of hunters leaving the field after completing their morning hunt. A hunter compliance check revealed two freshly killed, untagged deer and an uncased loaded shotgun in a truck. Three citations and a written warning were issued to members of the hunting party for the violations.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

CPO Cochran and CPOT Tanke attended a hunter safety course at Pana Jr. High School educating 20 students on hunting and safety regulations in Illinois.

CPO Cochran and CPOT Tanke have been conducting an investigation of a bow hunter who was hunting over bait since the beginning of archery deer season. The investigation revealed the subject had been hunting over bait, was harvesting deer and not reporting the harvest, and was not tagging the harvested deer as required. The subject was interviewed and issued citations for the unlawful taking of a doe, a 9-point buck, a 15-point buck, for wanton waste of a whitetail doe, and for failure to report harvest. The subject's bow was seized as a public nuisance and forfeiture is pending.

CPO Cochran has been conducting an investigation on a suspect since December 2014 regarding hunting over bait for whitetail deer. After finding out where the subject hunted, CPOs Cochran and CPOT Tanke located several baited stands and even the stand that was baited from last year.

On the first day of the firearm deer season, Lt. Danner, CPO Swance, and CPO Cochran returned to the baited locations. The main target of the investigation was issued a citation for unlawfully placing bait for whitetail deer and allowing his 14 year old son to hunt over it. CPO Swance issued another hunter on the property for hunting with an unplugged shotgun.

CPO Cochran was attempting to locate a firearm deer hunter, and upon walking through the timber, discovered a mineral block near a ladder stand and in front of a camera. Approximately 150 yards from that location was a 17-year-old hunter hunting. The hunter was not wearing his blaze orange hat and did not have his permits in his possession. After a short interview, the subject called his father. Upon the father's arrival, CPO Cochran discovered the father had placed out the mineral block in order to watch the deer. CPO Cochran also discovered the father, as well as the son, both harvested does during the firearm deer season and had not tagged the deer, nor reported their harvests. The father was issued citations for making available mineral block for wild deer and failure to tag the doe immediately upon kill. The son was issued a citation for failure to tag a doe immediately upon kill. Both were issued several other warnings.

McDONOUGH COUNTY

CPOs Elliott and Thompson arrested four Michigan hunters in McDonough County for several violations. An unrelated preliminary investigation led to the finding of several baited stands on a property in McDonough County. Compliance checks on all four hunters resulted in violations for hunting by use or aid of bait, blaze orange violations, unplugged shotgun, unlawful transportation of uncased firearms in a vehicle, no hunting license or habitat stamps and feeding wildlife.

MORGAN COUNTY

CPO Wichern located an archery hunter from Texas along Apple Creek. The hunter had failed to purchase a deer permit or hunting license and habitat stamp prior to hunting and stated he had been nervous about being checked by a Conservation Officer the entire week he had been in Illinois. He was charged with hunting deer without a permit or hunting license.

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPOs Cochran and CPOT Tanke responded to a complaint in Sangamon County regarding the possible failure to tag two whitetail does. After an interview of the suspect, it was determined the suspect failed to call in two does during this archery deer season. The interview also revealed the subject harvested a doe during the 2014 firearm season, which was tagged with another subject's tag. The subject was issued a citation for failure to report harvest of both deer. The other subject was also issued a citation for tagging a deer the subject did not kill.

CPO Elliott was on patrol for wildlife deer enforcement at Sand Ridge State Forest. While conducting a compliance check with a hunter along the roadside, a vehicle stopped in the middle of the road. The driver of the vehicle proceeded to ask how the hunt went unknowing of CPO Elliott's presence. After a short time, CPO Elliott approached the vehicle to address the unsafe act of parking in the middle of the roadway. The driver was asked to pull onto the side of the road. While speaking with the driver, a strong odor of burnt cannabis was detected from the vehicle. The driver admitted to being in possession and under the influence of cannabis. The subject is charged with DUI cannabis, possession of cannabis, and possession of drug paraphernalia. A written warning was issued for the illegal parking in the roadway.

CPOs Bettis and Elliott received a complaint regarding illegal hunting over bait. The CPOs proceeded to an area locating the hunter and possible baited location. Upon completion of the investigation, the young hunter was issued a written warning by CPO Bettis.

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

(Counties: Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Randolph, St. Clair & Washington)

MADISON COUNTY

CPO French and CPOT Tripp stopped a vehicle from Alabama. On the subsequent stop they found a 7 point buck that was untagged and not reported as a harvest belonging to one of the hunters from Alabama. Another 10 pint buck head was seized in the stop as well. Several citations were issued to the hunters.

MONROE COUNTY

CPO Schachner received a complaint of rifle shots the evening before firearm gun season in Monroe County in the area of Fountain Oak Lane. The next day, after handling another complaint, CPO Schachner and CPOT Knop were on foot investigating the area. While searching, they located a heavily baited deer stand with a nearby gut-pile. A check of the landowner's records revealed he had killed a trophy quality buck that morning with a shotgun but did not have a Monroe County deer permit. In addition the landowner had a photo of himself posted on Facebook posing with the large buck in the exact location in the timber where they located the gut pile. An interview by CPOT Knop quickly revealed the landowner killed the buck that morning in Monroe County with the aid of bait, without a valid permit and falsified the harvest in a completely different county. The poacher received two citations and a mandatory court appearance in Monroe County Court. The head/cape antlers were seized from the local taxidermist and the meat (which was already processed at a local butcher) was seized and donated to charity.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Ralph Sievers was contacted by an archery hunter who had stuck a large buck with an arrow approximately 10 days prior to the firearm deer season. The hunter had been searching his property since then for the deer. The hunter called

CPO Sievers to verify if any of the neighbors had reported finding a dead buck. The hunter sent Officer Sievers a photograph and video of the buck being shot with the arrow. CPO Sievers contacted Sgt. Manker to verify if anyone had completed a salvage deer report in the area where the hunter was looking for the deer he shot. Sgt. Manker had a picture of a deer that he had issued a salvage deer permit for on the neighbor's property. The photographs identified that the deer found on the neighbor's property was the missing deer and CPO Sievers informed the hunter. The hunter contacted the neighbor and the cape and antlers were returned to the hunter.

CPO Sievers and Sgt. Manker were patrolling during the afternoon hours of firearm deer season. They located a car parked along the road and an uncased bow was lying in the backseat. CPO Sievers stayed with the car while Sgt. Manker continued to another vehicle. At approximately 5:30 p.m. CPO Sievers approached the hunter at his car. The hunter's muzzleloader was still loaded with the primer. The hunter also did not have his deer permits in possession and verified that the compound bow was not properly secured. The hunter was issued a citation for a loaded firearm after hours and written warnings for not having his deer permits in possession and the transportation of an uncased bow.

CPO Sievers was patrolling the Sunday of firearm deer season and parked his truck to walk into a patch of woods. As CPO Sievers turned towards the field he observed a hunter in blaze orange carrying a firearm walking towards him. The hunter was not in possession of his hunting license or deer permits. A computer check revealed that the hunter was legally licensed to hunt deer but that he did not have a valid FOID card. The hunter's FOID card had expired and the hunter had not renewed it. The hunter was issued a citation for not having his deer permits in possession while firearm deer hunting. The hunter was issued written warnings for not having his hunting license in possession while hunting and not having a valid FOID while in possession of a firearm.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Ray made several arrests for archery deer hunting during firearm deer season, hunting without permission of landowner, unplugged shotgun, failure to tag harvested deer and use of Madison County deer tag in St. Clair County.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

CPO Charles located a deer stand in Washington County that had a mineral block located approximately 20 yards in front of the stand. CPO Charles checked the stand during firearm deer season and discovered a hunter hunting out of the deer stand not wearing any blaze orange. The hunter was cited for the violations.

CPO Charles received information that an archery deer hunter had harvested a deer without a valid deer permit in Washington County. After further investigation CPO Charles determined that the hunter had harvested a doe and did not have a valid deer permit or license at the time. The hunter was cited for the violations.

REGION 5 – Captain Tim Daiber

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

(Counties: Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jefferson, Pope, Saline, White)

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPO Lay issued a (over the limit) citation to a Sesser fisherman who had been fishing for crappie on Rend Lake. The fisherman had caught six fish in excess of the legal daily limit.

CPO Lay arrested/cited a Franklin County man for driving while license revoked.

CPO Lay issued three Franklin County men citations who were fishing together for crappie on Rend Lake. The three had been putting their catch into one bucket and it was found that they possessed an over-limit.

CPO Lay was assisted by CPO Jourdan with a hunting without permission of landowner complaint. Officer Lay located two archery deer hunters who did not have any license or permits. The hunters had been brought to the property by a friend who told them he had the property leased. The landowner decided not to have the hunters charged, however both were issued citations for not having hunting license, habitat stamps, or deer hunting permits.

CPO Lay assisted CPO Williams with a Michigan Firearm deer hunter that was found to be in violation. It was learned that the Michigan resident had maintained resident landowner deer permits after having moved to Michigan several years ago. The hunter admitted to having harvested a deer by use of crossbow this season and it was determined through previous harvest records checks that two other buck deer had been taken illegally by the use of the resident permits. The Michigan man was issued citations for illegal take of deer, falsification of information, use of crossbow to harvest deer. Three deer were also seized from the hunter.

HAMILTON COUNTY

CPO Folden was investigating a non-resident possibly hunting deer in Illinois and using a relative's Illinois Resident permit. The initial investigation was unfounded but another subject from Georgia was located in the immediate area and was hunting deer without a permit. The Georgia hunter purchased his Illinois Hunting License during the time CPO Folden was trying to locate him in his stand. The hunter did not have appropriate blaze orange. The Georgia hunter was cited for unlawful hunting of deer without a valid deer permit. He was issued written warnings for failure to wear blaze orange, no hunting license, and no habitat stamp.

CPO Folden approached a shed in rural Hamilton County which he had information of some illegal deer hunting activities. One subject was at the shed and possessed a deer which was completely legal. CPO Folden asked how many more hunters were still in the field. The subject told him three. CPO Folden waited and observed a Polaris Ranger coming down the road toward his location. The UTV was occupied by three males, two of which had uncased firearms. The driver's firearm was cased but still loaded. There was an untagged buck in the bed of the UTV. When CPO Folden asked who killed the deer there was a long pause. Finally one subject, an Ohio resident, admitted to killing the deer. The Ohio resident only had an antlerless only deer permit and appropriate licenses. The Ohio resident was issued two citations: one for unlawfully taking an antlered deer while only possessing an antlerless only permit, and a second citation for unlawful transportation of an uncased firearm. He was also issued a written warning for failure to immediately tag deer upon kill. The other two subjects were issued one citation each for unlawful transportation of uncased firearm.

During the course of investigating an administrative investigation, CPO Schoenhoff found a relative was also had violations. He reported a deer harvest without having a valid hunting license and habitat stamp. After interviewing the individual it was also found that he did not have the leg tag or the antler tag on the deer. The deer skull was cut off and located in his father-in-laws truck and the rest of the deer was brought to the deer processor. He was cited for failure to tag, issued warnings for no license and habitat stamp, and the nine point skull cap was seized.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Lay and CPO Jourdan stopped in to inspect some deer that were observed tied off to an ATV at a pole barn in Jefferson County. Three deer were located with tags attached. The hunter with the deer, claimed all deer had been harvested legally, one by the landowner, one by himself, and one by his daughter. It was learned that the hunter had killed all three deer and his daughter was not even hunting. The landowner admitted to having provided his permits to his guest. The hunter was cited for two charges of unlawful take of deer and subsequently arrested after it was learned that the subject was a convicted felon. The landowner was issued a written warning for allowing another to use his permit.

CPO Jourdan and Sgt. Cariens assisted in the search for a missing hunter. The man was found deceased on his property. The death is under investigation by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Coroner's office and CPO

Jourdan. Conservation Police, Jefferson County Deputy's and the Mt. Vernon Police Department assisted in the search.

CPO Jourdan and Sgt. Cariens cited an out of state hunter found in Wayne Fitzgerald State Park for hunting in a restricted area (Class A camping area) and no habitat stamp while deer hunting. He was issued warnings for hunting without signing in, no license in possession and deer hunting on a restricted day during the controlled pheasant hunt.

JOHNSON COUNTY

A Kentucky State Police officer stopped an Alabama vehicle for an obstructed license plate. A large cooler was obstructing the view. The trooper also observed deer heads without a permit attached and the driver stated they were hunting in Illinois. Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Officer Hudson contacted IDNR CPO Johnson. CPO Johnson drove to Eddyville Kentucky to interview the subjects. CPO Johnson arrived and observed two trophy-class, untagged deer heads. The subjects stated they killed the deer in Johnson County and were taking the deer back to Alabama. One subject stated he unlawfully killed both deer with a Remington 270 rifle during the archery season. The subject did not purchase permits or a license. The subject was cited for two counts of unlawful hunting without permit, unlawful take of 11 point (approximately 150 class) with a rifle, unlawful take of 12 point (approximately 140 class) with a rifle, two counts of unlawful possession of deer and two counts of unlawful use of rifle during archery season. The subjects were also in possession of a third deer head. The head belonged to another Alabama hunter who stayed back to hunt during the shotgun season. The head had a permit attached without a confirmation number. CPO Johnson contacted the subject and arranged to meet with him the following day. CPO Johnson also obtained additional information that one of the subjects hunts without permits. The information was relayed to CPO Somers. CPO Somers checked three hunters coming out of the woods an hour after legal hunting hours. Two of the hunters had two untagged deer. The third hunter had a loaded shotgun but did not have a valid permit or hunting license. The subjects were cited for two counts of failure to tag deer upon kill, hunting without a valid permit, hunting after legal hours, hunting without a valid license, hunting without a habitat stamp and failure to report harvest of deer.

POPE COUNTY

CPO Johnson had received information on Alabama hunters in 2013. The informant stated the hunters were only purchasing antlerless only permits to hunt but shooting antlered deer. CPO Johnson was able to finally locate the hunters in 2015. The three hunters were found in Pope County hunting over large amounts of corn and had only purchased antlerless only permits. The subjects were cited for hunting over bait and other charges are pending a further investigation.

SALINE COUNTY

While on patrol in Harrisburg, CPO Diggins spotted a vehicle suspected to be involved with a previous road hunting incident in Saline County. The driver of the vehicle had a suspended driver's license and had an active warrant out of Williamson County. CPO Diggins approached the driver while he was ordering food at the Harrisburg McDonalds. The driver had his young son in the back seat of the vehicle. ISP Dispatch was advised of the incident at this time. CPO Diggins had the driver exit his vehicle and call someone to come get his son before the arrest. The mother of the driver arrived and was told to get the child from the vehicle. A strong odor of cannabis was detected from the passenger compartment. The girlfriend to the driver arrived and attempted to leave in the vehicle and she was ordered not to leave and ultimately arrested for obstructing a police officer. After getting assistance from local agencies, CPO Diggins searched the vehicle prior to tow. The driver is a convicted felon and had a loaded .40 Caliber pistol in the center console, 16 grams of cannabis, prescription pills, and \$11,052.00 in cash. In addition, a back pack was found in the cargo area. The pack contained 236 grams of cannabis, two drug scales, and other packaging materials. The driver was served his warrant, charged with driving suspended, possession of firearm by a felon, possession of cannabis over 30 grams less than 500 grams, possession of cannabis with intent to deliver, and unlawful possession of a controlled substance. All the items were seized and the vehicle towed for forfeiture.

WHITE COUNTY

CPO Folden assisted CPO Schoenhoff with a subject who had two deer hanging in front of his house. One of the deer did not have the tag attached. Both deer appeared to be freshly harvested. The subject claimed one of the deer (the untagged one) was an archery kill from 11/15/2015. He provided his tag and confirmation. CPO Folden was unable to determine complete facts of the story so the subject was cited for two known violations. Failure to report harvest by 10 p.m. the day of kill and failure to leave tag attached to deer prior to processing. This subject was a third time customer for CPO Folden dating back to 2006.

CPO Schoenhoff received a call from dispatch stating two hunters were hunting without permission and the landowner's son was refusing to let them leave before law enforcement arrived. A White County Sheriff's Deputy assisted. The hunter who shot the deer stated he was hunting near the property where he had permission. He shot the buck (10 point) and watched it run onto another's property. After a while, he went to retrieve the deer on property he did not have permission to hunt on. He did not put the permit on the deer. The 10 point was seized. He was cited for unlawful take of deer and hunting without permission and warnings for no hunting license.

While checking hunters returning from the field on ATV's, CPO Schoenhoff discovered two of four deer were not tagged. Two citations for failure to tag were issued.

CPO Schoenhoff initiated an administrative investigation on an individual with harvest irregularities. Upon interviewing the individual he admitted to buying the permit but thought he had purchased one and lost it. He was issued a warning for failure to tag immediately upon kill.

While investigating a separate administrative investigation, CPO Schoenhoff discovered a relative was also in violation. He reported a deer harvest without having a valid hunting license and habitat stamp. After interviewing the individual it was also found that he did not have the leg tag or the antler tag on the deer. The deer skull was cut off and located in his father-in-law's truck and the rest of the deer was brought to the deer processor. The deer was seized and he was issued a citation for failure to tag immediately upon kill, warnings for hunting without a valid hunting license and hunting without a valid habitat stamp.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

(Counties: Clay, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Lawrence, Marion, Richland, Wabash & Wayne)

CLAY COUNTY

During the 1st firearm deer season, CPO Smith issued five citations, one for possession of a firearm without a valid FOID, two for unplugged shotguns and two for hunting within less than 300 yards from an inhabited dwelling. CPO Smith issued seven written warnings: two for no habitat stamp, two for no hunting license, one for failure to tag deer immediately, and two for uncased firearms.

CRAWFORD COUNTY

CPO Taylor caught two subjects hunting deer over bait. The subjects admitted to placing a trophy rock near their tree stands. The subjects put a trail camera to observe deer activity coming to the bait. Pictures from each camera showed deer with their heads in the holes created by the deer eating and pawing at the bait. Each subject was issued two citations and were given a must appear court date.

CPO D. Taylor and Sgt. Hyatt wrapped up an investigation of a subject killing multiple deer and using his mother's deer permits. The subject was interviewed and was in possession of a deer tagged with his elderly mother's permit. Harvest records indicated the mother reported the harvest of two deer with a compound bow on October 14th. The subject

admitted that his mother did not harvest any deer. The subject was issued four citations and the seized deer was donated to Sportsmen Against Hunger.

CPO D. Taylor issued a citation to a subject for possessing another's deer permit while shotgun deer hunting and a warning for not wearing a blaze orange hat.

EDWARDS COUNTY

CPO Smith issued one citation for failure to tag deer immediately upon kill and one written warning for hunting without habitat stamp in possession.

CPO Buhnerkempe cited a firearm deer hunter for unlawfully hunting with an unplugged shotgun.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

During the 1st firearm deer season CPO Smith issued two written warnings, one for blaze orange clothing, and one for uncased firearm.

FAYETTE COUNTY

CPO Smith issued one written warning for a life jacket violation and one written warning for fire extinguisher violation while checking waterfowl hunters on the Kaskaskia River.

CPO Compton and CPOT Roper worked the Carlyle Lake sub-impoundments and issued one citation to a subject trying to sneak into the area prior to the 4:30 a.m. entry time. The officers also issued two citations for hunting within 200 yards of another party.

While conducting interviews at a deer camp in Fayette County, CPOT Roper and CPO Compton identified multiple wildlife violations. During the interview process one subject had what appeared to be a heart attack. Roper and Compton provided first aid to the subject and called for an ambulance. The subject was transported to an area hospital. His condition is unknown.

While conducting a night wildlife detail in Fayette County, CPOT Roper and CPO Compton observed a vehicle shine the headlights of his truck into a nearby field and illuminate two deer standing nearby. The vehicle was stopped and the hunter admitted to shining the deer unlawfully. An open container of beer was hidden in the vehicle.

While a Fayette County deer hunter was sitting in his deer stand he observed a vehicle stop in the road and shoot a deer from the vehicle. The shooter then ran into the field and dragged the deer to his car and threw it in the trunk. The hunter called his wife who lived nearby and gave her a description of the vehicle. The wife observed the vehicle drive by her house and began to follow it in her car. While following the suspect's vehicle she called the Fayette County Sheriff's Department. Moments later the suspect's vehicle was stopped by Saint Elmo Police. CPOT Roper and CPO Compton, who were working nearby, were notified of the incident and responded to the area. After a brief interview the subject admitted to shooting the deer from the vehicle while on a county roadway. Citations were issued and a shotgun and deer were seized.

CPO Compton and CPOT Roper investigated a subject who killed a turkey with a bow and then purchased a permit for the turkey. The subject admitted to killing the turkey with no permit and he took the turkey to a taxidermist. The turkey was seized and the subject was issued one citation.

CPO Compton and CPOT Roper checked a boat on opening day of waterfowl season and issued one citation for insufficient number of lifejackets.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

CPO D. Taylor took a complaint of a hunter trespassing during the firearm deer season. CPO Taylor located the hunter and issued a citation.

CPO D. Taylor caught a subject shotgun deer hunting with no deer permits. The subject was also using a shotgun capable of holding more than three shotgun shells. The subject was issued two citations and issued a must appear court date.

MARION COUNTY

While patrolling District 15 counties during the three day shotgun deer season, CPO Holland issued the following citations and warnings: Four citations for possession of uncased shotgun in/on motor vehicle, one warning deer hunting with shotgun capable of holding more than three slugs, two citations for deer hunting with wrong county, five citations no permits or not in possession of permits, one warning for hunting with no valid license, one citation for hunting while privileges suspended, one custodial arrest (no bond posted), one citation for failure to report harvest by 10 p.m. on day of harvest, one citation for failure to tag deer immediately upon kill, two citations for deer hunting over bait, one warning for deer hunting with no blaze orange.

CPO Holland checked an area in Marion County he knew previously to be baited. He located two subjects hunting the area. He issued two citations for deer hunting over bait and one citation for deer hunting with unplugged shotgun.

CPO Holland checked three deer hunters in Marion County. He learned one subject was deer hunting with unplugged shotgun and one subject was hunting while privileges were suspended due to failure to pay child support. The subject was arrested and transported to the Marion County jail where he was left awaiting bond. He was issued three citations and one warning. One shotgun was seized as a result of the arrest.

WABASH COUNTY

CPO D. Taylor investigated an administrative complaint in Wabash County. A subject killed a deer without a hunting license or deer permit. The subject, after killing the deer, purchased deer permits and hunting license and tagged the deer. Two days later the subject killed two more deer and only had one valid deer permit left. Again the subject went and purchased a deer permit and tagged the deer after he had already killed the deer. The subject was issued three citations.

CPO D. Taylor investigated a second administrative complaint in Wabash County. A subject admitted to hunting and killing a deer without having a valid deer permit and purchasing a permit after he killed the deer. The subject was issued one citation.

WAYNE COUNTY

During the 1st firearm deer season CPO Smith issued one citation for hunting without deer permit in possession and two written warnings for uncased firearm.

CPO Buhnerkempe was checking deer hunters in Wayne County when he encountered a hunter sitting in a running vehicle. The hunter was in possession of a loaded and uncased shotgun in his vehicle. He was cited for possessing a loaded and uncased firearm in a vehicle.

CPO Buhnerkempe was on night patrol in Wayne County when he observed a vehicle traveling slowly down a gravel road shining a light out the driver's side window into surrounding fields. CPO Buhnerkempe followed the vehicle with his lights extinguished until the vehicle pulled up to a stop sign where a traffic stop was initiated. CPO Buhnerkempe found a father and his juvenile son in the vehicle, both in possession of uncased shotguns, one of which was loaded. The father was cited for unlawful hunting by use of lights from a vehicle, unlawfully allowing a child to hunt by use of lights from a vehicle, unlawfully hunting outside hunting hours, and unlawful transportation of loaded and uncased firearms in

a vehicle. A 12 gauge and 20 gauge shotgun and two flashlights were seized as evidence and the father was given a mandatory court appearance at the Wayne County Courthouse.

CPO Buhnerkempe was on patrol in southern Wayne County when he observed a hunter riding an ATV across a field. CPO Buhnerkempe waited for the subject by his vehicle until he arrived. The hunter was asked for license and permits which he provided. CPO Buhnerkempe noticed two gun cases on the ATV and asked the subject if his guns were unloaded. The hunter replied they were still loaded. CPO Buhnerkempe discovered a loaded 12 gauge shotgun and a loaded 30-06 rifle on the ATV. When questioned about the rifle, the hunter said he brought it along in case a deer was out of range of his shotgun. The hunter was cited for unlawfully transporting loaded firearms on a vehicle and unlawfully using a rifle to hunt deer. The 30-06 rifle was seized as evidence.

CPO Buhnerkempe was on patrol in Wayne County when he found a truck with Louisiana plates parked at the end of a fence row and truck with Illinois plates parked on the opposite end of the fence row. There was a tagged deer head in the back of the Louisiana truck. CPO Buhnerkempe ran the permit number on the deer head and discovered the hunter only possessed one valid deer permit. After running a check of the hunter's harvest records, CPO Buhnerkempe noticed a hunter returning from the woods to the Illinois truck. While checking that hunter, it was discovered he was hunting in Wayne County with a Jefferson County deer permit. CPO Buhnerkempe asked the hunter if he was with the Louisiana hunters and he replied affirmatively. The hunter and CPO walked back into the woods to where the Louisiana hunters were hunting. CPO Buhnerkempe located three Louisiana hunters, two of which had already filled their deer permits and had no valid permits left. One hunter was a juvenile. The Illinois hunter was cited for unlawfully hunting with no valid permit for the county he was hunting. The Louisiana hunters were cited for unlawfully attempting to take deer with no valid deer permit and unlawfully allowing a child to attempt to take deer with no valid deer permit. A muzzleloader and 20 gauge shotgun were seized as evidence and the hunters received mandatory court appearances in Wayne County.

CPO Buhnerkempe was on patrol in Wayne County when he observed two deer hanging behind a cabin. When he pulled into the driveway, he was met by one of the hunters who said he had killed one of the deer, a spike, and his daughter in law killed the other, an 8 point buck. CPO Buhnerkempe ran the daughter-in-law's information and discovered she did not possess a valid hunting license. Upon further questioning it was discovered the woman's husband, who did not possess any deer permits, had killed the 8 point buck and tagged it with his wife's permit. The hunter was cited for unlawfully hunting deer with no valid permits and unlawful use of another's deer permit. The 8 point buck was seized and the hunter received a mandatory court appearance in Wayne County. The seized deer was donated to Sportsmen Against Hunger.

CPO Buhnerkempe was on night patrol in Wayne County when he observed a truck with a spotlight shining out the window lighting up a tree line. CPO Buhnerkempe stopped the vehicle and discovered a Texas resident and Georgia resident with a spotlight between them. The subjects were not in possession of any weapons and each received a written warning for unlawfully shining deer.

CPO Buhnerkempe issued a Louisiana hunter a written warning for possessing a loaded shotgun in the field after hunting hours.

District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor

(Counties: Alexander, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pulaski, Union & Williamson)

ALEXANDER COUNTY

CPO Mohrman encountered an out-of-state subject parked near the Horseshoe Lake Refuge preparing to rifle deer hunt. The subject wearing his blaze orange and possessing a 5 day non-resident hunting license thought it was ok to do this. At first CPO Mohrman believed the subject was joking with him but seeing the .270 Winchester rifle in his truck he knew this subject was serious. CPO Mohrman explained to the subject the deer hunting rules in Illinois and sent him on his way with numerous written warnings.

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Mohrman concluded a TIPS investigation reported during the first firearm deer season. The complainant once told it was his next door neighbor which may have walked across his leased property decided against pressing any charges. The complainant decided it would be best to work it out with the neighbor in a neighborly fashion.

A landowner complaint of hunting without permission sent CPO Mohrman into a remote area of Jackson County near the Shawnee National Forest. Upon arriving in the area CPO Mohrman observed each "hunter" had bagged a mess of Oyster mushrooms. The subjects thought they were on National Forest land and did not know what the purple paint on the trees meant. CPO Mohrman explained the purple paint law to them and expressed to them the landowner's wishes that they not come back.

CPO Mohrman is investigating a duck dumping complaint in Jackson County. A quantity of undressed ducks was dumped in the driveway of a subject's deer camp. The subjects doing the dumping have been photographed on a trail camera. Once the subjects are identified a conversation with CPO Mohrman will ensue.

JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Thompson wrote several written warnings to duck hunters and deer hunters over the weekend for minor hunting violations.

CPO Thompson and CPO Boston received a complaint of a hunter shooting from the roadway on the last day of the first firearm deer season near the Johnson and Williamson County line. After following up on information and other leads, they were able to figure out the shooter and vehicle driver. Each were charged with shooting from the highway and issued written warnings.

CPO Thompson came upon five subjects operating their ATV's on U.S. Forest Service land. The information for each was turned over to the local Forest Service law enforcement officer.

UNION COUNTY

CPO Vasicek located and cited a subject hunting without consent of landowner. Subject also did not have an archery deer permit, hunting license, or habitat stamp.

CPO Vasicek fielded a report of a wolf sighting from the public.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

On Thanksgiving morning, also the opening day of waterfowl season in the south zone, CPO Boston was informed a group of young duck hunters had discovered the body of a young woman in Williamson County on Crab Orchard refuge. CPO Boston assisted the Sheriff's Office and the County Coroner in reaching the location of the woman's body. The woman had been reported missing last week. An autopsy revealed she had passed away from hypothermia. Toxicology results are not yet available.

CPO Boston arrested a Williamson County subject for not having a valid firearm either sex permit. This was a follow up of a report received during the first firearm deer season.

CPO Boston is investigating a Williamson County subject that is reported to have been attempting to take deer by gun from his backyard out of the firearm season. The case is pending.

CPO Boston assisted an ISP trooper with the arrest of a subject wanted on a warrant in Williamson County.